

### **Amendments to the Drawings**

Please add new Fig. 3 which is attached hereto and labeled "New Sheet".

### **Amendments to the Specification**

On page 6, between lines 10 and 11, please insert the following paragraph:

--Figure 3 is an isometric view of yet another embodiment of guide block according to the present invention.--

Please amend the paragraph of the specification starting at page 7, line 5 with "Remote operation" and ending at page 7, line 9 with "a motor." as set forth below:

Remote operation of the drives can be achieved using flexible drive shafts 19 which are connected to move the guide part of the guide block as shown in Fig. 3. For example, a drive shaft 19 having a hexagonal male part can be received in a hexagonal socket on the fixation part of the guide block. The drive shaft 19 can be operated manually, remotely of the guide block. Alternatively, the drive shaft 19 can be driven remotely by a motor 17 as shown in Fig. 3.

On page 7, before line 10, please insert the following paragraph:

--Further referring to Figure 3 there is shown a guide block which has a drive including a plurality of threaded shafts 23 on the fixation part and a plurality of threaded bores 21 in the guide part in which the threaded shafts can be received. Figure 3 also shows the flexible drive shafts 19 described above.--